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REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 13 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite in its use of the terms "relatively heavy" and "relatively light".

The term "relatively" has been deleted from both claims. Deletion of the term does not broaden or expand the claims because the heavy and light fractions were already defined with specificity in the claims as filed.

The Examiner objected to claims 4-12 under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because multiple dependent claims cannot depend from other multiple dependent claims.

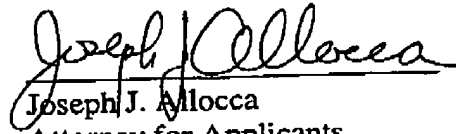
The claims have been amended to correct this improper form by amending claims 4 to 12 to each depend only on claims 1 or 2 and new claims 14-57 being added to achieve substantially the same coverage as originally sought in the originally filed improper multiple dependent claims. The amendment to the claims and the new claims do not seek to embrace any new or additional subject matter but are submitted to address the improper multiple dependency issue.

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It is requested that the Examiner reconsider this case in light of the amendments made to the claims, that she withdraw the objections to and rejection of the claims, allow the claims and pass the case to issue in due course.

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☒ Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.34(a)

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